



## **From the Vice Chairman**

At present, Malcolm, our Chairman and newsletter editor is taking a well earned holiday. Editing this newsletter (for the first time) has reminded me that our event organisers, group organisers and coordinator, meeting and speaker organisers, helpers and committee members, the newsletter editor and anybody else I've forgotten, put in such a lot of time and work. Without the enthusiasm of these people and, of course, without the support of our members, Marple Bridge and Mellor U3A would not be as successful as it is.

We have over 40 groups that meet regularly. If you would like to organise an interest group then please contact our Group Coordinator Alan Stanbridge who will be able to advise you of the support available in setting up new interest groups.

*David Hammond*

## **GRAND CHARITY EVENT**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August St Paul's Church Hall  
10am – 12 noon

### **In aid of the New Horizons Boat**

£1 entrance (includes coffee and biscuits)

**Raffle – Bring and Buy – Books – Plant Stall – Cakes – CDs**

If you are able to help with one of the stalls or can provide plants, cakes etc. please inform a member of the committee or bring on the day

## **DINING GROUP**

Though Bill and I were unable to attend, we understand that the visit to the Purple Pakora organised by Pauline and Chris Neilson was very worthwhile and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Again though we were unable to attend, we have it on good authority that the lunch arranged by Pat and Nazir Chourbaji at The Gallery, Stockport Catering College was also delightful food and enjoyed by all.

Dinner organised by Pat Walker and Shirley Hammond on the 17<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at The Stables Restaurant in Hyde was very enjoyable; the food was very good and, though it was an extremely warm evening judging by the noise level proved to be a convivial evening.

Dinner at The Beehive Inn, Combs was very much appreciated by all who came and we hope to book this venue again in the not too distant future.

As always, our grateful thanks are owed to all the volunteers who organise Dining Group experiences for us all to share.

A £5 cash deposit to secure your reservation for all Dining Group experiences will be required at the time of booking, which is non-refundable.

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS:**

Dinner – Reflections Restaurant, Tameside Catering College, Beaufort Road, Ashton-under-Lyne OL6 6NX - Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2014 – approximately 6.30 p.m. for 7.00 p.m. As the College is on holiday at present; the menu on display at the booking table on the 15<sup>th</sup> July is merely a sample to give an idea of what the College achieves. However, we will be booking at the General Meeting for a three course dinner – price to be advised as soon as we know it but, as no bookings take place at the August Meeting; this is a good opportunity to secure a place.

## **CHRISTMAS DINNER 2014:**

We have reserved The Alma Lodge Hotel for Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014. Bookings will be taken at for this popular dinner venue will be taken at the September General Meeting.

Please keep visiting our Group on the website at [mbmu3a.org.uk](http://mbmu3a.org.uk) to access the details of future venues planned by the Dining Group Volunteers for you to enjoy. They will be available to view on the website throughout 2014.

*Ann Prophet*

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## **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

There will be a Christmas Lunch at Ferrari's in the Trough of Bowland on Thursday December 11th. The restaurant is in a great setting with beautiful views. Transport by coach will be provided. Booking details will be in the September Newsletter.

*Anne Mathews*

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## **MARPLE BRIDGE AND MELLOR U3A OPEN GARDENING GROUP**

Lovely mid-spring sunshine showed Bodnant Gardens near Conway at its best for the members outing in May. The rhododendrons and azaleas resplendent in glorious colour were set off to perfection against a background of century-old trees, nestling in a valley surrounded by the hills of North Wales. A great day out!

Something altogether different was on the agenda for the June meeting, when a packed audience listened to Mr. David Tideswell's talk on Garden Birds in Spring and Summer. Knowledgeable guidance on the how, what, where and when of enticing birds into your garden, complemented by photographic slides and all woven together with great humour. An excellent meeting appreciated by the enthusiastic members.

Our meeting on August 13<sup>th</sup> gives members of the group a chance to show off their skills at their annual Horticultural Show of vegetables and flowers from their gardens, and on September 10<sup>th</sup> we are having a repeat of the Cutting Exchange which was so successful last year, members to bring along cuttings to exchange and pot-up. Meetings at the usual venue, Marple Methodist Church at 9.45 a.m. for coffee/tea, meeting starts at 10 o'clock.

SHOW SCHEDULE - **Gardening Group members** may enter as many exhibits in as many categories as they wish - the winner gets a small prize - and a large feeling of satisfaction!

1. Sweet Peas	7. Single flower
2. Potatoes	8. Hydrangea heads
3. Beans, any variety	9. Bunch/vase of perennials
4. Tomatoes	10. Unusual shaped vegetable
5. Vegetable/Salad assortment	11. Fruit
6. Posy of flowers	12. Conserve (to be tasted and checked by two judges)

*Jean Parrish*

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### **EXTRA EVENTS GROUP**

The next coffee morning will be on Friday August 22 from 10 am till 12 noon at the home of Don Farthing, 12 Greenbank Road Marple Bridge. (Telephone 0161 427 3250).

The meeting is open to all U3A members. New people are very welcome so please think of coming along.

*Don Farthing*

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### **CANASTA GROUP**

Having mentioned starting a teaching group for CANASTA some time ago, I received a good response from the members, however no one was prepared to play during the summer months, so it was decided that the class would be better suited to the winter months.

It would be most helpful that Members attending the July/September meetings, could stay behind for a short meeting in the room (adjoining the stage) so that arrangements could be made as to when and where it would be convenient to start the group.

This is a **teaching** group, but for those who have not played it before, you will find it not only very interesting but extremely enjoyable. The previous group that I have taught say that they prefer it to Bridge. Now that should tell you something!!!

All new members are welcome even though you may not have played it before. Others may wish to "brush up" on their game, but whatever your motives I feel sure you will all enjoy the game. As with many games there are certain variations, and I can only say that "it's my game and my rules", and that way everyone plays on a level playing field so to speak.

I hope you will be able to join me but certainly I can be contacted either by phone: 01663-765710 or [diane.holker@sky.com](mailto:diane.holker@sky.com) if you have any queries. I look forward to hearing from you.

*Diane Holker*

## MAP READING

Once the current group have completed their programme, Carole McConnell is closing her Map Reading course due to lack of demand. Over the past years Carole has guided many of our members through the programme, both theoretical and practical, and we thank her for her work on behalf of the U3A.

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## FRENCH CONVERSATION

My French Conversation group is having a break for Summer. The group will reconvene at 10am on Thursday September 11<sup>th</sup> at the Windsor Castle. We are a friendly group discussing a variety of topical issues using current newspapers, magazines and brochures. New members will be welcome. Please contact me for any further information. See contact list on back page.

*Shirley Hammond*

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## WALKING GROUP

### WALK GRADING:

**Very easy** – more or less flat, good surface, few stiles. **Easy** – small sections of hill, not too rough, limited stiles.

**Moderate** – typical of local terrain

**Moderate +** - more climbing and/or more stiles.

**All walks meet IN Brabyns Park for prompt departure at 9.45 a.m.** Car passengers are asked to contribute 10p per mile to petrol cost.

**Walking safety:** footwear (walking boots), clothing and equipment need to be suitable for the conditions likely to be encountered. This area is famous for changeable weather so come prepared for all eventualities. Bring your mobile phone and inform the walk guide of your phone number and that of an emergency contact. Provide your own first aid kit.

**Refreshments:** Bring more than adequate food and drink for the length of walk and weather conditions. Remember delays sometimes occur.

**(D)** indicates walk is some distance away and will therefore take longer. All walks are subject to change.

### August Walks

- Tues.5<sup>th</sup>      Castleton/Mam Tor – 4.5 miles – moderate – Judy Rhodes.  
Tues.12<sup>th</sup>     Kettleshulme – 5/6 miles – moderate – Margaret Hogg  
Wed.20<sup>th</sup>     Bus to Chisworth, return to Brabyns via Etherow 5.5 miles – moderate – Judith Lynch  
Tues.26<sup>th</sup>     Buxton (option to include Corbar Cross) – 5 miles – moderate (+) - Shelia Stafford

### September Walks

- Wed.3rd      Lyme Park – 5miles – easy a few stiles – Wendy Greenwood  
Tues.9<sup>th</sup>      Bus to Shiloh Road, walk back to Brabyns – 5/6 miles – easy – Carole McConnell  
Wed.17<sup>th</sup>     “Halls Walk” Chapel en le Frith – 6/7 miles – moderate – Irene Riley  
Tues.23rd     Local walk – 4/5 miles – easy/moderate – Val Tabron

*Judy Rhodes and Shelia Stafford Walking Group co-ordinators.*

## **BADMINTON**

Our Badminton group has been very successful. We limit membership to 16 to allow the opportunity of quite a few games on Friday mornings. At present we have two vacancies. Anyone interested in joining us (whether experienced or novice) please contact Ian Wakefield on 427 5794.

*Ian Wakefield*

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## **OUTINGS**

### **Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> July      **BUXTON MILITARY TATTOO****

leaving Rosehill station at 3.00 p.m. with the usual pickups. Fully booked but if interested please contact organisers: G & J Summers (427 2861).

### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August      **SOUTHPORT FLOWER SHOW****

There are still places on this outing. Price £28.00 p.p. Booking **June** meeting or please contact organiser: Carol Rice (449 9058)

### **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September      **DUNHAM MASSEY WW1 MILITARY HOSPITAL RECONSTRUCTION EXHIBITION****

Price: £9.00 p.p. (with Nat. Trust card) otherwise £19.00p.p.

BOOKINGS: General meetings **June and July** and thereafter contact organisers:

Sue and Mike Humphris (427 2474)

Full details for these outings are in the May newsletter and displayed on the Outings notice board. Last resort – telephone the organisers.

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### **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July      **COLLIDER – STEP INSIDE THE WORLD'S GREATEST EXPERIMENT****

This is an exceptional exhibition at the Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI), off Deansgate, Manchester. Not just for boffins and geeks but for all curious people who would like to know what's so important about this Large Hadron Collider. (£2.6 billion to build!) The exhibition runs until 28<sup>th</sup> September and we have provisionally booked places to visit on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July @ 11.00 a.m. tour**, if anyone would like to join us, at a group rate of £4.00 p.p. Travel by train and shuttle bus (No.3). Meet at Piccadilly station at 10.00 am or at MOSI at 10.50 a.m.

Café for drinks on arrival – hour long exhibition then at leisure to explore this amazing museum. Ordinary price: £7.00 p.p. and £5.00 (conc).

Booking: General meetings **June and July** or contact organisers: J & G Summers (427 2861). See Notice board for full details.

**Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October**

**BLACKPOOL LIGHTS AND SUPPER**

Travel by coach to the Seafarers Restaurant, Lytham St-Anne's for supper before going down the 'Golden Mile' to see the lights. Choice of menu including fish, sausage, steak puddings and pies, meat and potato, cheese and onion pies etc. with chips, peas, b/b, t/c.

Cost : £22.0.0. p.p. includes coach, supper and gratuities to driver and restaurant.

Leaving: Rosehill at 4.00 p.m. with the usual pickups at 5 min. intervals.

Expected return around 9.30 p.m.

Bookings: **July** General meeting and thereafter contact organisers:  
Chris and Pauline Neilson Tel. No. 427 5837

We are grateful to those people who have agreed to help run trips and would welcome any suggestions for future outings from the membership.

**Visit to Glasgow and Edinburgh 3<sup>rd</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

The four day tour was full and varied. On arriving in Glasgow we had an all too brief guided tour of the major Burrell Collection in Pollok Park – a priceless collection of artefacts – ceramics, sculptures, paintings, tapestries and objects d'art of every kind and every period – by one man, Sir William Burrell. In 1944 he and Lady Burrell donated the entire collection to the City of Glasgow, an act of extraordinary generosity to his native city. It is a place to spend to whole day. Next day, because of the fire at the Glasgow School of Art, we visited the Botanic Gardens and the beautiful orchid house, followed by lunch in the Sauchiehall Street Tea Rooms (Salon de Luxe) which had been beautifully restored to the grandeur of Charles Rennie Macintosh's design for his wealthy patron, Miss Cranston. We ended the day with a visit to the Hunterian Art Gallery where we found CRM's house and furniture, totally unlike traditional Victorian interiors of the time.

Next morning we had an early start for Holyrood Palace and Queen's Gallery in Edinburgh and after lunch a visit to the Royal Yacht Britannia. It was another very full but enjoyable day's outing.

Our last morning's visit in glorious sunshine was to the House for an Art Lover in Bellahouston Park. This was painstakingly built in 1989 to winning designs submitted by CRM and his wife Margaret Macdonald for a major architectural competition in 1902. It is a fitting tribute by Glasgow to one of its hugely talented sons.

Our thanks to all members who accompanied us on this occasion for a most enjoyable excursion.

*George and Jenny Summers*

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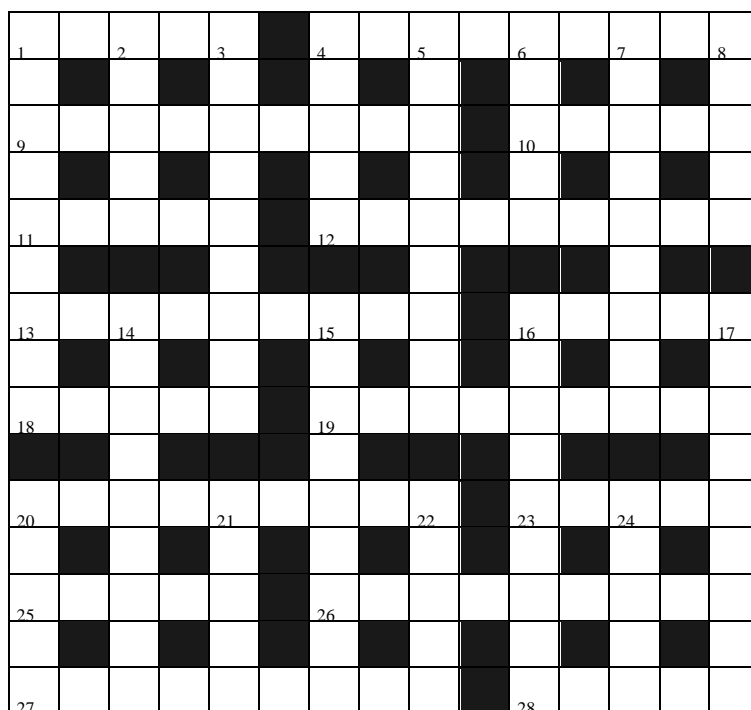
**ALMONER**

Pat Walker is our Almoner. If you know of any of our members who are ill or families who have suffered a bereavement of one of our members please inform Pat so that she convey our wishes with a card.

*Pat Walker 0161366 7453*

**Crossword Compiled by  
Marple Bridge and Mellor  
U3A Crossword Group**

Geoff Heath



**Clues across**

- 1 Provide food containing trace elements (5)
- 4 Acted as substitute; dispute with Ed was disastrous (9)
- 9 Fresh work for the party (3,6)
- 10 Mark two (5)
- 11 Rhythmically pluck the loose thread (5)
- 12 Local relish prepared for bookperson (9)
- 13 Handsome lover boy, suitable, to the left and university student (9)
- 16 Copper fastener for a smart girl (5)
- 18 Start escalator, quietly using a lift all the same (5)
- 19 All found in cryptic clues encircling four (9)
- 20 Their dump prepared for celebrated victory (9)
- 23 I open new ice cream for starters in Greek style (5)
- 25 Hangers initially not available in large sizes (5)
- 26 One sure, or desperately wide of the mark (9)
- 27 Broadcasts easy charm, but doesn't like being filmed (6-3)
- 28 Fear of adder, maybe (5)

**Clues down**

- 1 A plodding sort of painter? (9)
- 2 Wrote about a fortress (5)
- 3 Reload ATM, perhaps, to get stuff to fill pot-holes (4,5)
- 4 Impoverished daughter returned to languish (5)
- 5 Clip a boar, re-styling like a U-shaped curve (9)
- 6 Leaders to upgrade their team including everyone (5)
- 7 Pa gets hit cooking pasta (9)
- 8 Benefactor makes entrance round the north (5)
- 14 I am among former students, and express doubt, being light and malleable (9)
- 15 Stale fish goes off, becoming untrustworthy (9)
- 16 Warned off auction by Mr Miliband (9)
- 17 Six recede clumsily after they had a session in the gym (9)
- 20 Some go to nice doctor for medicine (5)
- 21 Mean one's in French sea (5)
- 22 Unclean starters in Dick's incredible race to York (5)
- 24 European soon back in the loop (5)

## MEETINGS - FUTURE SPEAKERS

19 <sup>th</sup> August	Grand Charity Event in support of New Horizon's Boat.
16 <sup>th</sup> September	Professor Nigel Linge 'From Man on the Moon to Cyberspace.' Mankind made a giant leap to reach the moon but cyberspace has had a far greater impact on us all.
21 <sup>st</sup> October	David Templeman 'Two Queens and the Countess'. The three most colourful and charismatic women in Elizabethan history.
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Father Michael Burgess 'A Christmas Cracker.'
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Celebration.

Unless otherwise notified, the ordinary monthly meetings are held in St. Paul's Church Hall, Compstall, on the third Tuesday of each month at 9.30am (for coffee and socialising). The business of the meeting will commence at 10.15am and finish at 11.45am approx.

### Crossword Solution

**Across:** 1 Cater; 4 Deputised; 9 New Labour; 10 Twain; 11 Thrum; 12 Publisher; 13 Beautiful; 16 Cutie; 18 Equal; 19 Inclusive; 20 Triumphed; 23 Ionic; 25 Nails; 26 Erroneous; 27 Camera-shy; 28 Dread.

**Down:** 1 Constable; 2 Tower; 3 Road metal; 4 Droop; 5 Parabolic; 6 Tutti; 7 Spaghetti; 8 Donor; 14 Aluminium; 15 Faithless; 16 Cautioned; 17 Exercised; 20 Tonic; 21 Miser; 22 Dirty; 24 Noose.

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